

Edson Whipple

1850-1950 Centennial History

Edson Whipple, the son of Nelson W. and Susan J. Bailey Whipple, was born in Salt Lake City, October 10, 1853. His childhood was spent with his father and brothers working at a saw mill in Cottonwood Canyon.

He learned the carpenter trade from his father and worked on many of the buildings in Lehi, and became well known to the people of the community. Just prior to his death, he did work on the Stake Tabernacle.

His school was limited, but with persistent effort he learned to read and write exceptionally well. He wrote many articles and poems. He was editor of the Mutual Improvement Association paper for many years.

Home Dramatics were used in the early days to provide entertainment. He wrote scripts and participated. His keen sense of humor was an asset to him as a comedian.

He was married in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City, December 9, 1880 by D.H. Wells, to Mary A. Beck, daughter of Gottlieb and Magdeline Beck. To this union were born the following children: May W. Anderson, Susie W. Wagstaff, William E. Whipple, Ella W. Gilchrist Wilson, Amy W. Call, Delilah W. Rowley, Leon Whipple, Vern G. Whipple and Kenneth Whipple. Dean Whipple died in infancy.

Mr. Whipple died February 26, 1909.